

STONES LINGERING DREAMS FADE

ANY LINGERING dream Wealdstone might have entertained of playing those few miles away at Wembley Stadium faded quickly as they were dismissed from the Amateur Cup by Wycombe at Lower Mead.

Wealdstone ... 0; Wycombe Wanderers ... 1

Wycombe were always the most enterprising side, despite a pitch on which the ball rarely bounced true.

Wealdstone's defence served them well, but the attack never sparkled. Their best front man in the first-half was full back Doyle whose determination and

courage did much for sagging morale.

Wycombe's attacks were almost continuous right from the start and former Wealdstone forward Searle scooped over from Horseman's cross after five minutes. Searle saw his header beaten out by Andy

Williams a minute later.

Hutchinson worked well at the back anticipating the moves of his former colleague, although generally did not enjoy a good game.

To illustrate the pressure under which Wealdstone found themselves after 21 minutes Swain, of all players, cleared off his own goal line and not until the 29th minute did Wealdstone snatch their first corner.

Eleven minutes from the break, Wycombe scored the goal they always threatened when Anthony crossed into the box and Andy Williams was covering two Wycombe players close to the post. The ball sped past the clutch of waiting feet and fell to Horseman ten yards out who had only to push the ball into the net.

Bullock, substituting for Draper after the interval, immediately gave Wealdstone their best chance as he pushed a through ball to Bremer who hit on the run and smashed against the post.

Wealdstone improved, but Suddaby turned in a masterly defence performance blotting out Peddie completely and giving Swaine and Bremer scant openings.

Twenty minutes from time Horseman could have put the result beyond doubt but he failed to control when perfectly placed.

Bob Williams kicked off the line twice as Wycombe became more persistent and Wealdstone tired. On the second occasion, Andy Williams was rolling in the mud and how the ball did not reach the net we will never know.

A Hutchinson header and yet another amazing goal-mouth mix-up saw the end to a hard fair match in which Wycombe were always dominant.

Gale, Delaney and Suddaby provided the best defence seen at Lower Mead this term and had it not been for Doyle, Moxan and Montague, Wealdstone would have gone down by a larger margin.

WEALDSTONE: A. Williams; Doyle, Moxon, R. Williams, Barnard, Draper, Bremer, Hann, Swain, Montague, Peddie. Sub.: Bullock.

